EMPLOYEES AT ELON MUSK'S TWITTER BRACE FOR LAYOFFS

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Employees braced for widespread layoffs at Twitter Friday as new owner, billionaire Elon Musk, overhauls the social platform.

In a letter to employees obtained by multiple media outlets, the company said employees would find out by 9 a.m. Pacific Standard Time if they had been laid off.

Some employees tweeted early Friday that they had already lost access to their work accounts. The e-mail to staff said job reductions were "necessary to ensure the company's success moving forward."

Twitter's roughly 7,500 employees have been expecting layoffs since Mr. Musk took the helm.

As of Thursday, Mr. Musk and Twitter had given no public notice of the coming layoffs. That's even though the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification statute requires employers with at least 100 workers to disclose layoffs involving 500 or more employees, regardless of whether a company is publicly traded or private.

A lawsuit was filed in federal court in San Francisco on behalf of one employee who was laid off and three others who were locked out of their work accounts. It alleges that Twitter intends to lay off more employees and has violated the law by not providing the required notice.

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